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## **AGENDA**

### **HISTORIC SITE BOARD**

### **February 28, 2005**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

##### **ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE**

###### **A. Board Administrative Matters and General Information**

- Excused Absences
- Other General Information

###### **B. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

###### **C. Approval of January 2005 Board Minutes**

###### **D. Reports**

- Glenn Russell: Report on presentation to the San Diego Archaeological Center Board of Trustees on the status of mitigation of archaeological sites identified during the review of County projects.
- Lynne Newell Christenson: Update on Kenwood Drive Sidewalk project, which is taking place on the Bancroft archaeological site.

###### **E. Announcements**

##### **ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

###### **A. Public Comment**

###### **B. Presentations –**

George Merz, whose family has lived in the area for generations, will talk about Jamul history. George will be introduced by Eric Grant, Jamul/Dulzura

Community Planning Group's designated representative to the Historic Site Board.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **ITEM 3 – JOHN B. AND BESSIE CUSHMAN HOUSE MAA02-004W<sup>1</sup>**

**Applicant:** Art and Deborah Gruen

**Location:** APN 265-062-09; 2355 La Crescenta, Rancho Santa Fe

**Description:** The John B. and Bessie Cushman House is a one and two story Spanish Colonial Revival stucco style house. A modern, large two-car detached garage is located to the south of the house, and a pool and cabana are located west. The house, designed by Lillian Rice and built in 1927, is associated with Bessie Cushman, the founder of the Rancho Santa Fe Book Club, the oldest club in Rancho Santa Fe. The Historic Site Board approved recommending historic listing August 19, 2002 and participation in the Mills Act October 21, 2002.

The property owners, the Gruen's, have a family with four young children and wish to remodel and add-on to the existing residence. All architectural detailing will match the existing original residence exactly. The proposed details of the remodel and expansion are as follows:

1. Converting an existing 849 square foot detached garage into guest living quarters
2. Expanding the existing kitchen and dining room southward
3. Enlarging the existing dining terrace to the south, including an outdoor fireplace and trellis
4. Extending the family room westward by approximately 10 feet
5. Adding four children's bedrooms, each with an attached bath room and walk-in closet (1415 square feet addition)
6. Adding a new laundry room
7. Adding a new children's craft room
8. Adding a new attached 978 square foot four car garage

The existing living space is 5,678 square feet; the proposed modifications and additions total 3,383 square feet, plus 978 square feet for the proposed new attached garage.

**Todays Action:** Recommend approval of the John B. and Bessie Cushman House modifications.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff has no recommendation at this time.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **ITEM 4 – REVIEW OF 2005 GOALS**

**Description:** Draft 2005 goals have been revised and distributed. To be included in the discussion is a list of draft recommendations prepared by the Native American Heritage Commission to be included in the Sacred Sites Bill (effective March 1, 2005) that would address item (2) of the HSB 2005 goals regarding incentives to preserve archaeological sites.

#### **ITEM 5 – FAÇADE EASEMENTS**

**Description:** Paul Johnson will lead a discussion on the use of Façade Easements to protect and preserve historic structures.

#### **OTHER**

#### **ITEM 6 – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next meeting will take place on Monday, March 21, 2005
- Edwards stone house and tower in Julian tentatively to be brought forward for historic designation
- County Open Space Park Wilderness Gardens 1880, historic grist mill foundation, tentatively to be brought forward by County Parks April 18, 2005.

#### **ITEM 8 – ADJOURNMENT**